

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY****[OPP-000412; FRL-4978-5]****Update of Table II of Pesticide Residue
Chemistry Guidelines; Availability****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of updated guidance for registrants on the residue data requirements to support registration of pesticides under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act and tolerances under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The updated guidance consists of a revision of Table II of the Pesticide Assessment Guidelines, Subdivision O, Residue Chemistry, describing raw and processed foods and feedstuffs. EPA will begin using the updated Table immediately, but for a period of 6 months will be flexible about the acceptability of residue studies that do not include data on new commodities in the Table.

ADDRESSES: A reference copy of Table II (September 1995) and Agency responses to comments received for Table II (June 1994) are filed with the Pesticides Docket, Office of Pesticide Programs, Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Rm. 1132, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-305-5805.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Table II of the Pesticide Assessment Guidelines, Subdivision O, Residue Chemistry, provides a listing of all significant food and feed commodities, both raw and processed, for which residue data are collected and tolerances may be set. In addition, for feed commodities, Table II provides (1) the maximum percent of the diet for beef and dairy cattle, poultry and swine, and (2) guidance on which crops EPA believes it would be appropriate to allow label restrictions prohibiting use of commodities as feedstuffs. As a culmination of a long-term project to update Agency guidance on the amounts of feedstuffs in livestock diets, EPA issued Table II (June 1994). A notice of availability of the updated Table II was published in the Federal Register of June 8, 1994 (59 FR 29603). This update of Table II was deemed appropriate because there had been significant changes in agricultural, processing, and feeding practices in the past decade. In response to a request for comments on Table II (June 1994), extensive information was received on the amounts of various feedstuffs and their proportions of animal diets. Therefore, Table II (June 1994) has now been further revised to reflect the most recent data and definitions on crops, raw agricultural and processed commodities, and feedstuffs. Other comments received by the Agency were also addressed.

In Table II (June 1994) EPA evaluated the policy of allowing a label restriction

prohibiting the use of a commodity for livestock feeding as a substitute for data. Based on comments on the document, EPA has revised the list of commodities for which a prohibitive label statement is an acceptable alternative to development of data.

EPA will begin to use Table II (September 1995) as guidance in its evaluation of pesticide registrations and tolerances. EPA realizes that in some instances where studies have already begun or are scheduled to begin in the near future, data may not be able to be collected on the commodities that have been added to Table II. EPA believes that 6 months should be sufficient time for registrants to familiarize themselves with the changes in Table II. For studies begun either prior to the publication of this notice or in the next 6 months, EPA will be flexible regarding whether studies which do not supply data on the new commodities in Table II are adequate for registration, reregistration, and tolerance purposes and when additional data, if any, will be required to be submitted under EPA's data call-in authority or as a condition of registration.

List of Subjects

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